## **FISCAL NOTE**

## SB 2477 - HB 2653

March 17, 2000

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases by one classification the punishment for an offense committed while using or displaying a firearm if at the time of the offense the defendant was prohibited by law from possessing a firearm due to a prior felony conviction involving force, violence, a deadly weapon, or drugs.

## **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$18,680,600/Incarceration\*** 

Assumes most aggravated offenses involve the use or display of a firearm and that an estimated 550 offenders, committing aggravated offenses involving firearms, have prior felony convictions qualifying the offenders for a sentence one classification higher than under current law.

\*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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